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Foreword

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- the change in the requirements for flexural strength for cementitious grouts;
- the modification of Table 4 “Production Control Frequency”;
- the modification of Table 5 “Classification and designation”.

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Introduction

The characteristics of the construction products defined in this European Standard have to consider that the normal stresses due to the works for which they are intended, assembled or installed, can be properly accommodated. Some special characteristics will take into account the type of substrate and that the grouts should resist the degrading actions of climate, environment, etc.

Many properties of grouts for tiles are mainly determined by the type of binders used.

Tile grouts are defined in different types depending on the chemical nature of their binders.

The different types have specific characteristics in terms of application properties and final performance.

The relationship between characteristics and the working conditions (dry or humid conditions, hot climate, fast setting, etc.) is not given in this standard.

The manufacturer gives information about the use of the product and the correct conditions of use.

The specifier evaluates the state of the job site (mechanical, thermal and chemical influences) and chooses the appropriate product considering all the possible risks.